CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5   1. An input method combining verbal and handwritten
     inputs, the input method comprising:
          utilizing a speech recognition algorithm to
               generate a first list according to verbal input;
          utilizing a character recognition algorithm to
10   generate a second list according to handwritten
               input;
          generating a third list that is an intersection of
               characters common to the first list and the
               second list; and
15   presenting at least a character from the third list
               to a user.

     2. The input method of claim 1 further comprising
     providing at least a database from which characters
20   are selected by the speech recognition algorithm and
     the character recognition algorithm to fill the first
     list and the second list, respectively.

     3. The input method of claim 2 further comprising
25   adding a first character to the database, the first
     character generated by the user using an auxiliary
     input method.

     4. The input method of claim 3 wherein the speech
30   recognition algorithm utilizes a first standard for
     speech recognition, and adapts the first standard to
     verbal characteristics of the user.

5. The input method of claim 4 wherein the verbal characteristics of the user corresponding to the first character are added to the database.

6. The input method of claim 3 wherein the character recognition algorithm utilizes a second standard for character recognition, and adapts the second standard to handwriting characteristics of the user.

7. The input method of claim 6 wherein the handwriting characteristics of the user corresponding to the first character are added to the database.

8. The input method of claim 3 wherein the auxiliary input method involves the use of a keyboard to generate the first character.